

Daily Prayer for the Close of Day

“P” = Pastor and “C” = Congregation

The sign of the Holy Cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C. Amen.

P. It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C. to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;

P. To herald Your love in the morning,

C. Your truth at the close of the day.

Praying the Psalm

Psalm 32

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

¹¹Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Reading from Holy Scripture

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

Reflection

Apostles’ Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

Concluding prayers:

P. Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C. Amen.

P. Kind Father, we have many concerns to bring before Your Holy Altar. Hear our prayers as each one of us prays quietly in the thoughts of our hearts answer, we pray, according to Your gracious Will and conform our lives to that of Your dear Son Jesus, in Whose name we pray.

C. Amen.

P. Kind Father, we remember before you all those persons whom we have named on our prayer list: Pam, Al, Jan, Kurt, Ruth, Carol, Ken, Debbie, Sarah, William, Daryl, Karl, LaRon, Roger, Marsha, Tim, Kathy, Beverly, Lori, Amy, Bob, Darlene, Carol, Ruth, Karen, Brad, Keith, Ed, Jon, Bobbie, Mike, Tom, Doris, Joaquin, Marcie, Laura Jo, Cayden, Janice, Lauren Mae and her daughter Frances, all our members who are homebound, all members of our Armed Forces (particularly Pastor Keith GeRue, Kyle Summers, and Logan Davies), all emergency service personnel, and all who work for the common good. May they be comforted and cared for, and may Your Will be done in their lives. In the strong name of Jesus, we pray.

C. Amen.

C. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P. Let us bless the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

P. The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

C. Amen.

“Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.” (Martin Luther, *Small Catechism*).

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